

with the assistance of Mercer, who was by then O'Connor and Kitto's point of contact at the DNC.

By April 25, O'Connor and Kitto had gotten the opponent group on Fowler's schedule for a meeting on the afternoon of Friday, April 28. MIGA's McCarthy promoted the meeting to his membership in a memo that day, claiming that in addition to Fowler, "a top level White House Staff member, and top level staff" from Senators Kerrey, Daschle and Wellstone's offices would attend. McCarthy added:

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss our position on the Wisconsin Dog Track Fee to Trust Proposal with influential [D]emocrats in Washington. The people we will be meeting with are very close to [P]resident Clinton and can get the job done. Your input is very essential as these folks want to talk with elected Tribal officials.

A day later, MIGA held a meeting in St. Paul, at which Kitto, BlueDog and McCarthy reported on the schedule set for the DNC meeting and other meetings that tribal opponent leaders were arranging for April 27 with members of the Minnesota and Wisconsin congressional delegations.<sup>223</sup>

Notwithstanding McCarthy's assertion in his April 25 memo, no White House witness had any recollection of receiving an invitation to the April 28 DNC meeting, or even any notice of it. There is no evidence of what came of the suggestion of having White House

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<sup>223</sup>As noted above at 123-24, on April 27, Sikorski and Chairwoman Anderson met with Reps. Oberstar and Sabo, and informed the congressmen of the April 28 DNC meeting. On that same afternoon, an Oberstar staffer called Duffy's office to schedule a meeting for Oberstar with Duffy and Collier. The meeting – which Collier, Duffy and Skibine all attended – took place at Oberstar's office on May 2. *See* Section II.F.1., *infra*. Neither Sikorski nor Anderson recalls prompting Oberstar at their April 27 meeting to set up the Interior meeting, but the timing makes it likely Oberstar's desire for a meeting with Collier and Duffy was precipitated by the Sikorski-Anderson meeting.